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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON FOOD SUPPLY AND
DISTRIBUTION, SEPTEMBER 5 TO OCTOBER 4, 1977

REF: STATE A-1425, MARCH 10, 1976

1. THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES A 30-DAY MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE FARM SUPPLY AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN THE U. S. AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH AMERICANS CONCERNED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES NEEDED TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF FOOD IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE PROJECT WILL CONCENTRATE ON DOMESTIC FOOD SYSTEMS AND NOT ON THE IMPORT OR EXPORT OF FOOD PRODUCTS. IN NOMINATING, POSTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT CANDIDATES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE SELECTED IN ACCORD WITH APPROPRIATE CU PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND AREA GOALS AS INCORPORATED IN COUNTRY PLANS.

2. QUALIFICATIONS: THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED FOR FOREIGN LEADERS CONCERNED WITH INCREASING THE SUPPLY AND AVAILABILITY OF FOOD IN THEIR COUNTRIES THROUGH THE

DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION OF INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES FOR PROVIDING FARM SUPPLIES (FERTILIZER, FUEL, FEED, ETC.) AND FOR STORING, PROCESSING, TRANSPORTING AND DISTRIBUTING FOOD. NOMINEES MAY BE OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT FOOD OR DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES; LEADERS OF NATIONAL OR REGIONAL COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS; OFFICIALS OF MAJOR FOOD
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MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION ORGANIZATIONS; AND ACADEMIC PERSONNEL STUDYING THE NEED FOR NEW OR EXPANDED INSTITUTIONS IN THIS FIELD. THEY SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE ENTIRE FOOD SYSTEM IN THEIR COUNTRIES RATHER THAN IN ONE NARROW SEGMENT OF IT. THEY MUST HAVE S-3 ENGLISH. DEPENDENTS MAY NOT ACCOMPANY PARTICIPANTS.

3. PROGRAM: THE PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF (A) THE ROLES OF VARIOUS TYPES OF COOPERATIVES AND AGRIBUSINESS FIRMS IN PROVIDING SUPPLIES AND SERVICES NEEDED BY FARMERS; AND (B) THE ROLES OF COOPERATIVES AND AGRIBUSINESS FIRMS IN STORING, PROCESSING, TRANSPORTING, MARKETING, AND DISTRIBUTING OF FOOD PRODUCTS. IT WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL FARM SUPPLY CO-OPS, FARM SUPPLY FIRMS, MARKETING CO-OPS, GRAIN COMPANIES, GRAIN EXCHANGES, CANNING COMPANIES, STOCKYARDS, LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS, AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT FIRMS. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, COOPERATIVE LEADERS, UNIVERSITY

SPECIALISTS, AND AGRIBUSINESS EXPERTS WITH SUBSTANTIAL KNOWLEDGE OF FOOD SYSTEMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 4 OR 5 TO BEGIN A FOUR-DAY INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM AFTER LABOR DAY. MOST OF THE SECOND AND THIRD WEEKS WILL BE DEVOTED TO GROUP OR SMALLER TEAM VISITS; THE AREAS TO BE VISITED WILL BE CHOSEN AFTER NOMINATIONS ARE RECEIVED TO PERMIT OBSERVATION OF THE HARVESTING AND PROCESSING OF CROPS OF INTEREST TO THE PARTICIPANTS, WHERE FEASIBLE. THE PROGRAM WILL ALSO INCLUDE SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL VISITS. THE PROGRAM WILL CONCLUDE WITH TWO DAYS OF SEMINARS AND INTERCHANGE SESSIONS, PROBABLY AT THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE OF A LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY. INFORMATION ON THE GROUP AND TEAM VISITS WILL BE CABLED TO NOMINATING POSTS IN EARLY AUGUST.

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4. COSTS: COST WILL BE SAME AS FOR 30-DAY IV GRANTS, AND WILL BE CHARGED TO POST'S FY-77 IV ALLOCATION. COST SHARING IS ENCOURAGED, ESPECIALLY THE PROVISION OF

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FROM NON-U.S. SOURCES.

5. ACTION: POSTS WISHING TO NOMINATE FOR THIS PROJECT SHOULD CABLE THE DEPARTMENT BY JUNE 15. AMERICAN OFFICERS SHOULD INTERVIEW CANDIDATES TO ASSESS ENGLISH AND TO IDENTIFY NOMINEE'S MAJOR AND SPECIAL INTERESTS.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD DESCRIBE NOMINEES' PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS AND OTHER SPECIAL INTERESTS AND CONTACTS IN THE U.S.; NOMINATIONS ARE DUE IN DEPARTMENT BY JUNE 30. CHRISTOPHER

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